

# TOWN OF HERNDON

*Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community*



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **2009 YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD** *Deadline for First Award of the Season is May 20*

Herndon, VA (May 5, 2009) – Spring rains yield lush, colorful gardens – the perfect time for citizens to nominate their own or their neighbors' yard for the Town of Herndon's annual Yard of the Month Awards program, an opportunity to recognize the efforts of town residents whose yards contribute to the beautification of the town and its neighborhoods.

The Yard of the Month is awarded in two categories: single family homes and townhouses. Photos of winning yards are posted on the town's Web site and winners are recognized by the Mayor and Town Council at public meetings.

The criteria for Yard of the Month Award selection includes the following: yards are generally free of trash and clutter; grass, trees, shrubs and plants are well-cared for and aesthetically pleasing; rocks, logs, short fences or other decorative elements are in good condition and neatly placed; and flowers and other vegetation are well-landscaped and make good use of color.

Nominations for the June Yard of the Month Award are due May 20. Nominations are due June 20 for the July award and September 20 for the October award.

Judges for the Yard of the Month Awards program are members of the Town of Herndon's Cultivating Community committee, a group of citizen volunteers formed to encourage beautification and to enrich the quality of life in the town's neighborhoods.

Nomination forms for the Yard of the Month Awards are available on the Cultivating Community" page of the town's Web site, [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov); see the link off of the homepage at "featured this month." Forms are also available at the Neighborhood Resource Center and at the Herndon Municipal Center. For more information, call 703/435-6800 X2084 or email [information@herndon-va.gov](mailto:information@herndon-va.gov).

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located

within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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